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June 17, 1952

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of June 11 explaining why you cannot do the broadcast is so good that it is almost--but not quite--as good as your being able to say yes. I most thoroughly agree with you that "inquiry into a person's loyalty belongs in the hands of professional investigators and that evaluations of the data developed should be made by authorities appointed for that purpose."

As I see it, that is the only way in which the vicious use of smear and fear by irresponsible persons can be ended. Your letter makes me regret all the more, even though I understand and agree with your position, that you and I cannot discuss this over the air.

There is no one whose word would have as much weight as yours. Do you have any suggestions as to who would approximate that position and whom I could invite?

Cordially,

Walter White

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Mr. Walter White
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you very much for your kind and understanding letter of June 17, 1952. Your conclusions are most gratifying and I certainly hope our efforts will continue to merit your valued support.

In the struggle against bigotry the names of three men immediately come to mind and I recommend them for your consideration. They are Mr. Ogden R. Reid of the New York Herald Tribune, Mr. Morris L. Ernst of the New York law firm of Greenbaum, Wolff and Ernst, and Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York. It is my sincere belief that any one of these three gentlemen is eminently qualified to participate in your radio program regarding the problems inherent in the determination of an individual's loyalty. I hope that these suggestions may be of some value and I wish to reiterate my desire to be of any possible assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - New York, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: By letter of June 9, Mr. White asked the Director to appear on his radio program for a discussion of problems arising out of unfounded charges being made against a person's loyalty. On June 11, 1952, the Director declined this invitation with thanks. No copies of this letter are being designated to Mr. Reid, Mr. Ernst or Congressman Celler as it is not known, of course, whether Mr. White will contact one or any of these men. Data re Reid, Ernst and Celler obtained from Who's Who.

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ON 3/16/82

Dear Walter:

I must confess that it is somewhat discouraging, after you have butted your head against a brick wall doing everything within your power, to read the news account of the resolution adopted at the Oklahoma City convention of the NAACP, which condemns the FBI for its inability to come up with a solution in the Florida cases.

You, of course, did send me a wire asking for comment and whether there was anything new. There was nothing that I could talk about at that time. In the meantime, the news has leaked out about the impending grand jury in Florida, to inquire into these outrages and before which the evidence gathered by the FBI in its seven months of intensive investigation will be presented.

I only wish the authors of the resolution who inferred a lack of accomplishment would have been more specific and constructive and spelled out what could have been done that has not been done. You, yourself, know of the Director's deep concern about this situation and of the high feeling in the organization and desire to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion. It seems to me that instead of throwing brickbats a few constructive suggestions and a little encouragement would have been much more in order. We have spent over several hundred thousand dollars and used unlimited manpower to try and ascertain the identitites of the perpetrators of these crimes.

These are simply my personal thoughts, addressed to you as a friend, and are not intended for any further dissemination.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

Louis B. Nichols

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FBI Assailed For Failure in Florida Killing

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 28 (UP) —The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today condemned the Department of Justice and FBI for failing to find the murderer of a Florida NAACP leader and his wife.

The group also resolved to fight for "unequivocal" civil rights for Negroes at the Democratic and Republican Party National Conventions.

The NAACP, which claims a membership of a quarter-million Negroes, passed another resolution at its national convention here praising the Department of Justice for successfully prosecuting Cicero, Ill., officers for failure to control mob action against a Negro.

But the action in the Cicero case was termed "an exception rather than the general rule" by the NAACP.

"Six months have passed since the cowardly murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in Mims, Fla," the resolution stated. "That murder shocked our country and the world. At that time everyone was assured of vigorous prosecution by law enforcement authorities in our country . . .

"We condemn not only the perpetrators of the crime but condemn the failure of the county, State and United States officials who, after more than six months, have proceeded no further than an investigation of the crime. This is particularly bad so far as the United States Department of Justice is concerned.

"Our Department of Justice, including the FBI, has maintained a world-wide reputation for great efficiency in the investigation, apprehension and successful prosecution of the cleverest criminals. We find ourselves unable to understand why such agencies are almost invariably unable to cope with violent criminal action by bigoted, prejudiced Americans against Negro Americans."

The organization charged "segregation is still the evil root from which stems all the sinister manifestations of bigotry, of intolerance, of racism, of cynical defeatism."

RE: NAACP MATTERS

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS - C. DAYLET. DAILY PEOPLES WORLD NEWSPAPER, SEPT. TWELVE, PAGE THREE, COLUMNS TWO AND THREE, REPORTS THAT NAACP WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST SEGREGATION OF AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGRO FIREMEN BY OAKLAND FIRE DEPT. NAACP ALLEGES ALSO THAT JOB DISCRIMINATION IS INVOLVED IN OAKLAND FIRE DEPT.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/1/52

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: NAACP
Colored People
National Association For Advancement of

There is forwarded herewith a letter to the Editor that appeared in the November 25, 1952 issue of the "Cornell Sun," Ithaca, New York. This letter to the Editor was signed by the "NAACP Executive Committee," and refers to the Director as one of the prominent NAACP members.

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Executive Comm. of NAACP Acknowledges Anonymity at Concession Caused by Fear

To the Editor:

We deeply regret that we did not reveal our name at the photographic concession we managed at the recent Barton Hall dance.

Although we might justify our action by saying that our goal at the dance was to make money and not to combat discrimination, we admit that the National Association for Advancement of Colored People has made a concession that it has never made before and that it will never make again.

We more deeply regret, however, that the cause of our error is the mistake that so many people are making throughout the country and even at a liberal institution like Cornell. These people brand liberal organizations as Communist before they take the time or the effort to enlighten themselves of the nature or purpose of the organizations.

When these people approach us, we have to explain that we are not Reds and that our organization predates the revolution by some 15 years. As they muse over the veracity of our statements, we must mention such prominent NAACP members as Eleanor Roosevelt and J. Edgar Hoover to convince them of our loyalty.

Only after we have painted over the "Red-tinge" to the satisfaction of these people will they listen to us and say that we are opposed to discrimination in off-campus housing, to segregated schools, and to Jim Crowism.

The concealment of our name at our photo concession was a regrettable mistake which was caused by fear. It is, however, not half as regrettable as the mistake that many other Americans are making because of fear.

NAACP Executive Committee

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Albany Chapter continues to oppose activities of Communists within its organization [redacted] Albany Chapter not active at present time.

cc AL. Evans, 65-1-19-53-jas-mcd

CC TO: G. & Q.
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DETAILS:

ALBANY, NEW YORK AREA

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identified by [redacted] as Communist Party members.

[redacted] the Albany Chapter of the NAACP has been inactive for the past five or six months and [redacted] has had no indication that the "Communist clique" has attempted to influence the NAACP. [redacted] the Albany NAACP will elect officers in January, 1953 [redacted]

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[redacted] in the event any of the "Communist clique" are elected to office [redacted] the national headquarters which will act t[redacted] charter of the Albany Chapter of the NAACP. [redacted] has refrained from taking part in recent campaigns against police brutality against colored people because the American Labor Party Club had instituted these campaigns and [redacted] does not want the Albany Chapter of the NAACP to be linked with the American Labor Party Club in any way. (The ALP Club has been described by [redacted] as Communist dominated.) (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)

[redacted]

[redacted] has been identified by Confidential Informant [redacted] as a Communist Party member.

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AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of the NAACP through established sources.

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February 25, 1953

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would like to see the enclosed syndicated column.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Very little has been published to date in the local press about the incredible deal which was made last July between the Department of Justice Criminal Division and the New York City Police Department to exempt that city from federal investigation or intervention in police brutality cases or other violations of the civil rights statutes. Part of the reason may possibly be local sensitivity to the question of police brutality. Within the past three years 63 Negroes have been killed by police in Alabama, most of them here in Birmingham. But, despite the meager attention of the press given to the New York situation, it is being watched with grave concern here in the South. There are numerous indications that should New York or any other political subdivision of the United States be permitted to exclude the FBI and the Department of Justice from acting on violations of civil rights, every Southern community will immediately demand the same privilege. The results could be disastrous. About the only effective action in local cases of gross denial of civil rights, and in particular cases of brutality by peace officers, has been that afforded by the FBI.

Nothing whatever was done by state or local authorities against the Ku Klux Klan in South Carolina and North Carolina until the FBI intervened and pulled the cover off a long series of brutal beatings and killings. It was federal, not local, officials who broke up the bombings of synagogues, Catholic churches and a Negro housing project in Miami. It was the FBI which secured the evidence and arrested Vernon Minnick, who shot and killed a Negro at Homestead, Fla. last Christmas day. Minnick had been a police officer in Washington and only recently had been indicted by a federal grand jury there on charges that he beat up a Negro prisoner in the District of Columbia jail a year ago. He had gone to Florida and obtained a job as a member of the police force to continue his brutality against Negroes.

These and numerous other cases of mob violence, peonage, interference with the right to vote and other crimes have been exposed and punished as far as the presently inadequate federal civil rights statutes permit during recent years. It is against this background that the current federal grand jury and House of Representatives Judiciary Committee investigation of the agreement between New York City police and the Department of Justice take on nation-wide and, particularly, South-wide importance.

Sectionalism, whether Southern or Northern, has never appeared so divisive or damaging as it does when these factors are taken into account. New York's Police

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Commissioner George P. Monaghan is alleged by the New York press to have made the statement that the federal civil rights statutes are aimed at the South "and not at New York City." If Mr. Monaghan is correctly quoted, such an attitude is as dangerous and unfair as the rantings of Southern governors like Herman Talmadge of Georgia and James F. Byrnes of South Carolina in their threats to defy the U. S. Supreme Court and the federal government. There is great perplexity here about Mr. Monaghan's continued denial that any agreement had been entered into when the document has been made public by James F. McInerney, chief of the Department of Justice Criminal Division at the time the agreement was reached. People here in the South are asking if Mr. Monaghan is ignorant of what is going on in his own department, or whether he believes that he can brazen his way through the embarrassing situation in which he finds himself.

In view of the scandalous revelations of recent years about corruption in the New York City Police Department, it is difficult to accept seriously the defense now being offered that the morale of the New York police is injured and the sensitive natures of New York police are being hurt by FBI inquiries into the long series of cases of police brutality which have been substantiated. Meanwhile, New York City taxpayers are becoming aroused about the huge damages which have been awarded by juries to victims of police brutality and the nearly $3 million worth of suits which are now pending in the courts.

It has become clearly evident now that the Department of Justice itself must keep terminated whatever agreements have been entered into with New York City and conduct a thorough and honest study of its own records to see if there are any similar deals. There is no place in the country where this is more important than here in the deep South. Any impairment of the efficiency or effectiveness of federal police authorities would be disastrous.

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Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. White:

It was most kind of you to write me on February 25, 1953, and to enclose a copy of the news release date lined at Birmingham.

Constant vigilance is necessary in these matters, and certainly civil rights investigations warrant and will continue to receive prompt action on our part. I very much appreciated the opportunity to review these comments.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Enclosure is a two-page mimeographed news release dated 2-26-53 which expresses alarm regarding the allegation that the FBI was to be excluded from investigating Civil Rights matters in New York City.

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20 WEST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

February 27, 1953

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Some years ago you gave me a list of FBI agents with their telephone numbers and a note of introduction. I wonder if you would be willing to send me another such list since there have been so many changes of assignments and personnel, as well as another note of introduction.

I have been in the South a great deal recently and have talked with many people there about the possible developments on the basis of the Supreme Court decision in the school segregation cases and the new forms of mob violence such as in the Harry Moore case in Florida. It is gratifying to find here and there examples of growing concern about the law and the creation of a new and more decent opinion in the South in opposition to that of the previous decades. But we are still far from being out of the woods, as you well know. The reason I want the list and another note of introduction is to enable me to get in touch with FBI agents whenever the necessity arises so that we can get prompt action in nipping in the bud any troubles which may be created.

I was delighted to hear from Lou Nichols the other day that your health constantly improves. I do hope this will continue.

Cordially yours,

Walter

Walter (White)
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Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. White:

It was good to receive your letter of February 27, 1953.

In connection with your request, I am enclosing a list of the addresses and telephone numbers of our various divisional offices. I believe that this will be of more permanent value to you than a list of the names of the Special Agents in Charge of these offices, inasmuch as changes occur from time to time in the places of assignment of our personnel.

If you will call on the Special Agent in Charge of any of our offices and identify yourself, I know that you will be given every possible assistance.

Your best wishes regarding my continued good health are deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards;

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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(H) MR. WALTER WHITE - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE -- For your information, Mr. Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has requested the Bureau for a list of addresses and telephone numbers of the Bureau's divisional offices. He indicated that his reason for making this request was to enable him to get in touch with FBI representatives whenever the necessity arose in order to request appropriate action by the FBI in cases affecting his organization. The list requested by Mr. White has been furnished to him and, although the names of the various Special Agents in Charge have not been given to him, he has been advised that if he calls on the Special Agent in Charge of any of our offices and identifies himself, every possible assistance will be rendered.

The above is being brought to your attention so that you will be aware of the action which has been taken by the Bureau. In the event Mr. White calls on you, he should be treated courteously and appropriate attention should be afforded to requests made by him.

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Dear Sir:

I wish to become a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. However I thought it wise to check for confirmation or denial the occasional remark that the organization is communistic. I honestly disbelieve the [redacted] (b)(1)(C) to be so, rather than [redacted]

Can your bureau give me this information?

Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:

I wish to become a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. However I thought it wise to check for confirmation or denial the occasional remark that the organization is Communistic. I honestly disbelieve the rumor but wish to be safe rather than sorry. Can your bureau give me this information?

Very truly yours,
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Englewood, New Jersey

Dear [redacted] (b)(7)(c)

Your letter dated March 19, 1953, has been received and the motives which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that through the years I have followed consistently a policy of refraining from furnishing advice or comment concerning matters of this nature.

In the event you receive additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Newark Office located at 1836 Raymond - Commerce Building, Newark 2, New Jersey.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WHEREAS the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People has been,and is,vitally concerned with the welfare and advancement of the Colored People of the State of Florida;and

WHEREAS acts of violence,coercion and intimidation have heretofore been committed against representatives of the N.A.A.C.P., white and colored citizens of the State of Florida,and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida,by organizations and persons unknown;and

WHEREAS the Federal Grand Jury now in session in Miami has issued an interim report which has exposed the sources of violence and bigotry to the Public,the State Legislature and the State Law Enforcement Officials;and

WHEREAS it has been through the diligent efforts of this Grand Jury,Judge Holland,the U.S.Attorney General's office,the Federal Bureau of Investigation,L.E.Broome and Emory S.Ackerman, that this revealing and informative report has been made;

It is therefore RESOLVED RECORDED-145 61-3176-64

That the work and efforts of this Grand Jury,Judge Holland, Herbert Brownell,U.S.Attorney General,the Federal Bureau of Investigation,L.E.Broome and Emory S.Ackerman be,and the same are hereby, commended for their diligent,forthright and careful endeavors in gathering evidence,hearing testimony and preparation of this report.

And it is further RESOLVED;

That the heartfelt thanks of this organization,be and the same are hereby extended to all of those persons who made this report possible,and it is the N.A.A.C.P.'s respectfull request that the Federal Grand Jury continue in its efforts to eliminate these vicious tolls of violence and bigotry,to the end that all citizens of Florida can live in freedom and dignity.

This resolution passed at the general meeting held March 26,1953,at Miami,Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche McKinney

Blanche McKinney,Secretary,
Miami Branch,N.A.A.C.P.

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Mrs. Blanche McKinney
Secretary
Miami Branch
National Association for the
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1018 Northwest Second Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

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Dear Mrs. McKinney:

I did want to let you know that I have received the resolution dated March 27, 1953, which commends the efforts of this Bureau and others, and I can assure you that we in the FBI are most appreciative of the thoughtfulness which prompted your branch to adopt this resolution.

It is the sincere desire of all of us in this Bureau to protect, within our jurisdiction, each and every person in the United States, and we only hope that our activities always will be conducted in such manner as to warrant your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

DATE: April 29, 1953

There is attached hereto a memorandum for the Attorney General dated April 29, 1953, which contains information garnered from various sources in the Bureau which, it is thought, might be of assistance to the Attorney General in connection with his contemplated conference with representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Mr. Walter White who are to meet with him on this coming Friday, May 1.

This memorandum was prepared in accordance with the Director's desires as expressed in his memorandum dated April 28, 1953.

Attachment sent

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A report was originally submitted in this case in May, 1942 on the basis of information received that Communists were endeavoring to organize the NAACP at Long Beach in order to place them in defense plants, and [redacted] (b)(7)(c) reports in June and July, 1942, and February, 1943, further set out indication of Communist influence in the NAACP.

A closing report was submitted June 21, 1943 when investigation indicated that the organization had become relatively inactive and its functions had in a large part been taken over by the "Negro Victory Committee".

This case was reopened and assigned August 19, 1948 on the basis of information received that some of the officers of the various branches of the NAACP were Communist Party members or sympathizers. A report was submitted December 13, 1948.

The file contains, subsequent to the last report, a regular flow of information concerning the NAACP, its activities and plans for the National Convention which is being held in July, 1949 in Los Angeles.

The report of December 13, 1948 was a pending report. There is adequate information in the file upon which to write a report. This case is in a delinquent status and a report should be submitted.

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It should be noted that during the Spring of 1949 the activities of the NAACP have been centered around its preparation for the National Convention of the group to be held in Los Angeles in July, 1949. In view of this fact, the submission of a report has been held in abeyance in order that all material relating to these activities and the Convention may be set out in one investigative report at the conclusion of the National Convention. This Convention was concluded July 16, 1949. A report will be submitted in the immediate future.

SUPERVISOR [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

This case has been followed on the desk. A report will be submitted in the near future.

SAC R. B. HOOD:

This is not a serious error on the part of the Special Agent or Supervisor.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, ALBANY DIVISION	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[redacted] Group in Syracuse NAACP Chapter re-
(b)(1) [redacted] adopted "obstructionist tactics" in attempting to create incident which would result in public disapproval of NAACP.

DETAILS:

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Mr. P. H. TOWNSEND, President of the Albany Chapter of the NAACP, advised Special Agent [redacted] and the writer on April 29, 1953 that he is not familiar with any "subversive element" in the Albany Chapter of the NAACP. He stated that the NAACP has not been holding regularly monthly meetings but plans to initiate this policy in the near future. Mr. TOWNSEND advised that the officers of the local chapter of the NAACP are as follows:

P. H. TOWNSEND	- President
RENA DODD	- Vice President [redacted]
Mrs. (FNU) ALLYSON	- Secretary
SHIRLEY HILLMAN	- Recording Secretary
ALEX GIBBONS, SR.	- Treasurer

AT SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

[redacted]

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

[redacted] advised on April 4, 1953 that at a meeting of the Syracuse Branch of the NAACP on April 3, 1953 he noted a number of persons present who were not members of the NAACP and who adopted "obstructionist

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tactics". He stated that through the efforts of this group, led by [redacted] and [redacted] it was decided that a dance would be held on May 5, 1953 at Dunbar Center in Syracuse.

(b)(2), (b)(7)(D) [redacted] the Executive Committee of the NAACP had previously decided against this dance because of the possibility that public disapproval might result from such an affair.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office because National Headquarters of the subject organization is located there.

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THE ALBANY OFFICE

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of the NAACP through established sources.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], dated 12/22/52 at Albany.

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NEW ORLEANS	6-30-53	5-25-53	[redacted]

TITLE

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Louisiana Weekly Newspaper, New Orleans publication, in an article dated November 8, 1952, page 1, column 3 and 4, reported the following individuals had been elected as state officials for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Louisiana. The elections were held October 24 and 25 at Bossier City, Louisiana, according to the article:

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Full-time Executive Secretary: Attorney LEONARD P. AVERY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
President: Dr. E. A. JOHNSON, Natchitoches, Louisiana;
Vice-President: A. P. CHAPITAL, New Orleans, Louisiana;
Secretary: BOREL C. DAUPHIN, Opelousas, Louisiana;
Treasurer: R. J. STANLEY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
Executive Board: Attorney A. P. TUREAD, New Orleans, Louisiana; Attorney JESSE N. STONE, Shreveport, Louisiana; M. M. COLEMAN, Minden, Louisiana; Rev. G. B. SCOTT, Natchitoches, Louisiana; Attorney R. B. MILLSBOUGH, Opelousas, Louisiana.
Regional Board: Dr. E. A. JOHNSON; JOHN G. LEWIS, JR., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mrs. B. S. KING, Ruston, Louisiana.

This same newspaper in an article dated November 15, 1952, page 1, column 3, reported the 1953 officers of the NAACP of New Orleans as follows:

President: A. P. CHAPITAL, JR.;
Vice President: Mrs. MILDRED G. BYRD;
Vice President: Dr. RIVERS FREDERICK;
Vice President: C. C. DE JOIE, SR.;
Secretary: ELLIE BOYD;
Treasurer: PAUL A. LANDIX, SR.;
Chaplain: Rev. SAMUEL McNEAL.

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The Louisiana Weekly newspaper, May 2, 1953, issue, page 2, columns 7 and 8, reported the NAACP had inaugurated a drive to obtain 11,000 NAACP members. This article was captioned "Statewide Drive For 11,000 NAACP Members Gets Underway."

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II. STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Hoover

DATE: June 10, 1953

FROM : Herbert Brownell, Jr.

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson
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Attached is a telegram I received from Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. After you have read it will you please forward it to the Civil Rights Section.

Attachment

Original detached attachment delivered to Civil Rights Section - Personal Interest - 6/11/53 - Pett.

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June 5, 1953

Dear Mr. White:

In the absence of Mr. Brownell from the city I wish to acknowledge with thanks your telegram to him, dated June 4, which I shall bring to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Brownell

Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL HERBERT BROWNELL

DEPT OF JUSTICE

ALLOW US TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON THE SPLENDID WORK OF THE FBI AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN INVESTIGATING AND SECURING INDICTMENTS AGAINST PERSONS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN SERIES OF ACTS OF TERROR IN FLORIDA. THIS IS A GOOD BEGINNING AND WE HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS THOROUGH WORK AND PARTICULARLY THAT IT UNCOVERS THE DASTARDLY SLAYERS OF HARRY AND HARRIET MOORE AS WELL AS OTHER TERRORISTS AND VIOLATORS OF THE LAW IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. WE NEED NOT ASSURE YOU THAT ANY ASSISTANCE OUR ASSOCIATION CAN GIVE IS AVAILABLE TO YOU

WALTER WHITE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE 20 WEST 40 ST NEW YORK 18 NY

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Form No. 3
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

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Springfield, Ill.	8-7-53	7-20,21,22,23,24,27, 31-53	[redacted]

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE...

Character of Case: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SUMMARY REPORT

Synopsis of Facts: Officers of NAACP Chapters in Cairo, Champaign-Urbana, Danville, East St. Louis, Edwardsville, Peoria, Tri-cities (Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, Illinois) and Springfield, Illinois set out. Attempts of Communist infiltration into Peoria and Tri-cities chapters set out.

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Cairo, Illinois

President: ED DYSON
Vice-President: W. A. FINCAL
Secretary: CARRIE JONES

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[redacted] the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Chapter, Cairo, hold meetings every third week of the month at the Cavalier Club, Cairo, Illinois. The informant has not come into possession of any information indicating Communist infiltration into the above chapter.

SUMMARY

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Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

President: JOHN M. [redacted]
Vice-President: WILDA HERNDON

[redacted] the Champaign-Urbana Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in the Spring of 1953. This informant advised that there are approximately 25 to 30 individuals in this organization and that although no regular meeting hall is maintained, meetings are held approximately once a month at various churches in the Champaign-Urbana area.

[redacted] has never observed any indication that the Champaign-Urbana Chapter of the NAACP was infiltrated or dominated by the Communist Party or its sympathizers.

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The informant asserted that due to a considerable amount of internal friction among the members of said organization, it is his opinion that this chapter will soon fold up.

Danville, Illinois

The Danville Commercial News for January 9, 1950 disclosed that HENRY E. SAYERS was installed as President of the Danville Chapter of the NAACP, while Reverend T. H. HUTCHINS and Rabbi DAVIS were installed as Vice-Presidents; LOIS JOHNSON, Secretary, and ROBERT HOLWOOD, Treasurer.

[redacted] the NAACP Chapter formerly in existence in Danville has been defunct for several years. According to the informant, there has been some recent indication that attempts will be made to reactivate this chapter. However, [redacted] feels doubtful that these attempts will materialize.

East St. Louis, Illinois

President: Dr. JOHN E. [redacted]
Secretary: Reverend W. P. ALEXANDER
Chairman of Executive Board: BRUCE PETTY

[redacted] membership in said chapter is approximately 500 persons, and that monthly meetings are held at the Mary Martin Center, 19th and Market Streets, East St. Louis, Illinois.

[redacted] the East St. Louis Chapter is not infiltrated by the Communist Party or its sympathizers.

[redacted] furnished substantially the same information.

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Edwardsville, Illinois

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Officers

WALTER JONES ILL
JESS A. BROWN

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[redacted] the Edwardsville Chapter of the NAACP was formed approximately two months ago, and that meetings of said chapter were held mostly at the Y.M.C.A. in Edwardsville. According to the informant, the total membership is approximately 50 persons. [redacted] has not heard of any infiltration on the part of the Communist Party or its sympathizers in this chapter.

Peoria, Illinois

President: Reverend BENJAMIN F. MOORE
Vice-President: JAMES CAMPBELL
Executive Secretary: VANCILLE WOOLEY
Labor Relations Board: HARRY SEPHUS, LUTHER WHITE
Youth Department Board: PAUL CRUTCHFIELD, TRACY HUBBELL
Financial Secretary: MARGARET PATTERSON
Board Members: HORACE STONE, HENRY HARPER

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Tri-Cities Chapter (Rock Island, Moline
and East Moline, Illinois)

President: BOOKER T. [redacted]
1st Vice-President: JOSEPHINE NEWBORN
2nd Vice-President: Mrs. R. B. [redacted]ILLIS
3rd Vice-President: M. L. LOCKHART

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Secretary: JIMMY O. HINES
Assistant Secretary: MARIE EDDINGS
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Springfield, Illinois

President: KENNETH BARTON
Secretary: HELEN HUBBARD
Treasurer: GEORGE WELLS

[redacted] the Springfield Chapter of the NAACP meets on the last Monday of the month at the Urban League Building, Springfield, Illinois. According to the informant during the early 1930's, there was some indication of Communist infiltration into said chapter. However, the informant advised that these individuals were admonished from the group. [redacted] since the above incident [redacted] has never had any suspicion that the Communist Party attempted to infiltrate the NAACP Chapter in any way.

[redacted] has followed the activities of the local chapter for approximately thirty years and has had

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no reason to suspect Communist infiltration into said chapter.

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Will, through confidential informants and sources, follow and report any indication of Communist Party infiltration of the NAACP in the Springfield Division.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11-19-42 at Springfield, Illinois. (b)(7)(C)

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The Attorney General

August 12, 1953

Director, FBI

ALLEGED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
IN CONNECTION WITH
SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

[redacted]

I thought you would be interested in seeing the attached copies of correspondence which I have recently had with Mr. Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Mr. Clarence Mitchell, Director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, as well as correspondence between Mr. White and the Secretary of State.

This correspondence pertains to reports that during security investigations questions have been asked which appear to reflect upon association between white and Negro Americans. In particular, it will be noted that three cases alleging the asking of such questions by Special Agents of the FBI are cited by Mr. White in his letter of July 16, 1953, to the Secretary of State. The allegations in that letter are almost identical with allegations which were previously called to this Bureau's attention and which resulted in a request to Mr. Mitchell on January 17, 1949, that the identity of the cases and the sources of information be furnished so that the facts might be determined. Although the information was not received, the FBI nevertheless made thorough inquiry at that time, and no information to substantiate the allegations was developed.

In my correspondence with Mr. White and Mr. Mitchell, I have attempted to make a final disposition of these allegations.

Attachments

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers (with copies of attachments)
Deputy Attorney General

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read your letter of August 5 with great interest. Your files will show that I have submitted many complaints on various matters to the FBI. In each case, I also sent whatever information I had which would be useful to investigators. If the persons, who gave me the information which caused our present exchange of letters, would permit the use of their names, I would gladly hand them over. Since this is not the case, I can only express regret that you believe I "either do not have the facts or (am) unwilling to present the facts."

I made the recommendation concerning the directive in good faith. It is never "presumptuous" for a private citizen to make suggestions to a Government official which he honestly believes are in the public interest.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Mitchell

Clarence Mitchell
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August 14, 1953

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am acknowledging for Mr. White, who is away on vacation, your letter of August 5 with enclosures.

I am sure Mr. White will want to communicate with you upon his return to the office next month.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
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July 27, 1953

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My very warm thanks to you for your letter of July 22. I am checking on this matter and will write you again as soon as I have gathered the facts.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Executive Secretary

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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July 16, 1953

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending you herewith copies of correspondence with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles regarding reports which have come to us of inquiries by officials concerned with security in asking upon occasion white Americans if they invite Negro Americans into their homes or accept invitations from Negro Americans as part of the procedure to determine the loyalty of American citizens. You will note that Mr. Dulles is directing responsible officials of the State Department that such inquiries are highly improper and is forbidding them to be made in future. (b)(7)(C)

I wish to call your particular attention to the quotes in my letter of July 16 to Mr. Dulles in which four instances are quoted which were supplied to me by Mr. Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP in which are included instances of alleged inquiries by representatives of the FBI.

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In view of Mr. Nichols' statement of January 17, 1949 that any such inquiry by FBI agents is contrary to instructions, may we respectfully request that another directive be issued to all FBI agents on this matter.

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Cordially,

Walter White

Executive Secretary

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Walter White

New York

We must get to the bottom of these communications against the FBI.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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June 11, 1953

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This Association is profoundly disturbed by reports which continue to come to it that various loyalty boards continue to ask white persons if they or their co-workers invite colored Americans into their homes or accept invitations to visit the homes of colored Americans. This is done apparently on the assumption that any white person who associates with Negroes is thereby automatically suspect of disloyalty.

The latest instance of this kind of inquiry is found in an article by Fern Marja in the New York Post of June 9, 1953 regarding the questioning of Miss Marcelle Henry. Miss Marja quotes Miss Henry as being questioned by State Department security officers as follows:

> "They said to me," she recalls, "what would you say of so-and-so? Is he a good citizen? Is he loyal? They told me one of my co-workers had received colored people at his home. I could see nothing wrong with that."

We are certain you will agree that such questions are exceedingly dangerous in their clear implication that there is something basically wrong in two Americans of different races associating together as friends. Possibly it is even more dangerous in its attribution to Communists that only they accept Negro Americans as worthy of simple friendship.

I remember an instance of this which did American democracy great harm. It was the famous Scottsboro case. The defendants and their relatives in that case, which is still cited by Communists throughout the world against American democracy, succumbed to Communist propaganda because they were the first white people who had ever treated the defendants and their parents on the basis of equality. I myself was bitterly attacked by the Communists because of my efforts to persuade the defendants to trust in the legal procedures of American courts and to convince them that there were numerous non-Communist white Americans who wanted to see justice done.

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June 11, 1953

If efforts to apprehend subversives are going to establish as a yardstick of loyalty honorable associations between Americans of different skin color, the ground will thereby be prepared for other Scottsboro cases. We are confident that you would oppose any such procedure.

To approach this matter from another point of view I would like to cite that my wife and I as well as a great many other Americans such as Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Judge William H. Hastie of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the presidents of practically all Negro universities and other American Negroes have white as well as Negro friends. We invite those friends into our homes and accept invitations for dinner and other events in the homes of these friends. Are these friends in danger of having their loyalty questioned because we associate with them?

Should that be true now or at any future date, another dangerous weapon would be thereby placed in the hands of the enemies of democracy.

I am confident that you will agree. I, therefore, ask that whatever steps be taken which are necessary to forbid the asking of such questions in the future by State Department security officers or any other representatives of government making inquiries with regard to loyalty.

Ever sincerely,

Executive Secretary

Honorable John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEME. OF COLORED PEOPLE

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am sending you double thanks--first, for your explicit telegram to me at St. Louis regarding the removal of my book, A RISING WIND, from libraries in India and for your letter of July 13 in answer to mine of June 11 regarding reports that various loyalty boards are asking white employees if they invite colored Americans into their homes.

With respect to the book issue, would it be possible for you to advise me if the Bombay and Calcutta libraries, and any others which may also have removed A RISING WIND from their shelves, have replaced the book.

With respect to inquiries made by various loyalty boards with respect to friendly, social association of white and colored Americans, it is heartening to have your very explicit and frank assurances that such questions are not approved by the Department of State. We are particularly pleased to note that you are calling this matter to the attention of responsible officials concerned with the security of Department employees and that you are advising them of your agreement with the sentiments expressed in my letter to you of June 11, 1953.

I believe that the following four incidents prepared at my request by Mr. Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, may be of interest and value to you in the preparation of such a directive:

(b)(7)(c) "1. In a letter dated November 19, 1948, we asked [redacted] to submit to us an affidavit from a woman who was interviewed by the FBI and asked whether she saw white people going into the home of a colored man who was under investigation. The file reveals that the lady declined to let her name be used.

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"However, because we had other statements along the same line, we did meet with Louis Nichols of the FBI on January 17, 1949, to discuss the problem. At that time, Mr. Nichols said that FBI agents who made such inquiries were acting contrary to instructions. The file reveals that I asked him for a copy of these instructions, but he was unable to find them.

ENCLOSU[illegible]

Same as Case #1 94-38273-3

"2. A person who is well-known to me reported on or about March 28, 1949, that one of his acquaintances was interviewed by an FBI agent. The agent asked whether the individual ever had colored people visiting him in his home. When an affirmative reply was given, the person interviewed was asked to sign a statement on it. The person being interviewed asked why this was necessary. The FBI agent replied 'because you have given derogatory information.' The derogatory information was that Negroes had visited the home of the person being investigated.

Same as Case #1 94-38273-3

"3. Our files, also, show that we had a report on investigating agents (it is not clear whether they were FBI men) asking the following question about a white girl, 'Don't you think she has an unusual interest in Negroes for a southerner?'

"4. Last year, a young man from New York was under consideration for a legal position in the State Department. He had come to Washington from a northern community where he served as a member of the Prosecutor's staff. Apparently, he had been accosted by a policeman one night while driving a young white woman home. This incident resulted in a considerable argument in the Prosecutor's office. It appears that the Prosecutor mentioned it to State Department investigators or at least to some Government investigators when he was asked to give a statement on the young man. I was advised by a friend in the Department that this background had caused derogatory information to be placed in the lawyer's security file. Later, he got a job with another agency, but I doubt very much that the State Department would have hired him."

Ever sincerely,

Executive Secretary

Mr. John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

July 13, 1953

Dear Mr. White:

I refer to your letter of June 11, 1953, in which you make specific reference to a statement by [redacted] (b)(7)(C) to the effect that a State Department Security Officer advised her that one of her colleagues received colored people in his home. You also stated that you had received reports that various loyalty boards are continuing to ask white employees if they invited colored Americans into their home.

I am in complete agreement with your views that associations between Americans of different skin color should not be a factor in judging an employee's loyalty to the United States. In this connection I have been told by officials who have been connected with the operations of the Department's Loyalty Security Board during the past few years that, to the best of their recollection, no employee of the Department has been in an interrogatory whether he associated with colored people nor has any employee been asked this question during a hearing before the Board. Employees have been asked about possible association with individual colored people, as they have been about association with individual white persons when there is information that the association may have a bearing upon an employee's loyalty or security.

It is unlikely that a Security Officer of the Department made the remarks to [redacted] which you have mentioned in your letter. However, in evaluating these remarks made by [redacted], I must note that she previously made allegations to the American Civil Liberties Union regarding her treatment by State Department agents. Upon investigation, it was determined that her allegations were without substance. (b)(7)(E)

I am confident

Mr. Walter White,
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People,
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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I am confident that no officer of the Department of State who is concerned with the security of Department employees believes that association of white employees with colored people is any indication of disloyalty or of security risk. I am calling this matter to the attention of responsible officials concerned with the security of Department employees and I am advising them of my agreement with the sentiments expressed in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John Foster Dulles

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August 3, 1953

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have talked with Mr. Walter White concerning your letter of July 22 and we agreed that I should clarify one or two points.

When I met with Mr. Nichols in 1949, I mentioned that it is difficult to get persons to permit the use of their names when they make complain against agents of the FBI. As the head of an agency conducting investi gations where revealing the source of information would not only violat confidences but would sometimes shut off bona fide complaints, I am sur you can appreciate this problem. However, it is very clear that the statements made to us come from responsible people and I regret to say that we receive them continuously.

All of us understand that you would not personally approve of discrimi atory inquiries, but it would help matters considerably if the FBI issued a directive pointing out that questions on interracial associat and friendships are not relevant and should not be asked. This direct is badly needed in all of the agencies of Government because many of them at one time or another are guilty of questioning racial associati of their employees.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover August 3, 1953

I can assure you that I am always reluctant to submit any kind of complaint where it is not feasible to mention the name of the person making the charge. However, we must face the fact that, at the prese time, many people are unwilling to challenge the methods used or questions asked by Government investigators.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Mitchell

Clarence Mitchell
Director
Washington Bureau

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Mr. Clarence Mitchell
Director, Washington Bureau
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
100 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of August 3, 1953. While you state that you desire to clarify one or two points, I would be less than frank if I did not state that the matter is still far from clarified.

It seems most unusual to me that you should raise an issue which in effect condemns the FBI without at the same time furnishing the facts upon which your complaints are predicated.

It is true that you raised the same complaint with Mr. Nichols in 1949. It is also true that at that time we made an exhaustive investigation and went much further than we were required to do in an attempt to ascertain whether there were any derelictions in our service as alleged by you. As you know, at that time we were unable to establish any facts which reflected that personnel of this service had acted improperly. There was a reluctance on your part at that time to produce or identify the individuals who had complained to you, and it seems most unfair to revive the ambiguous complaints of 1949 at the present time unless you are prepared to submit facts. Quite frankly, I cannot understand the actions of those who make allegations of misconduct and then are not prepared to support their charges with facts.

cc: Mr. Walter White (sent with cover letter)
Executive Secretary, NAACP

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Mr. Clarence Mitchell.

As to issuing a new directive pointing out that questions on interracial associations and friendships are not relevant and should not be asked, I feel that this request is most unjustified, particularly since neither you nor anyone else has come up with facts reflecting that representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are asking such questions. I, frankly, do not know how it is possible to correct an evil which has not been established, and I feel it is presumptuous on your part to make such a request when you either do not have the facts or are unwilling to present the facts which point to this need.

I am sure that the record of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has now been established to the point that no reasonable person would have any doubts whatsoever that any abuses which were established would be promptly corrected, and I would be the first to want to correct any improper activities. I cannot, however, act on unsupported allegations and I would be rendering a disservice to my organization by issuing such a directive when it has not been shown that the need for such a directive exists so far as the Federal Bureau of Investigation is concerned.

I, frankly, had expected more of a cooperative attitude from an organization whose cooperation the FBI has welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

August 5, 1953

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Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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Dear Mr. White:

I am enclosing a copy of a communication which I have received from Mr. Clarence Mitchell, Director of your Washington Bureau, dated August 3, 1953, and my reply thereto.

I, frankly, am disappointed in the treatment being afforded the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. I cannot understand the reluctance of Mr. Mitchell in furnishing the facts upon which he makes his charges, nor can I understand his action in reviving complaints of an ambiguous nature, ~~in 1942~~ which, at that time, after exhaustive investigation, could not be established, ~~and which was admitted.~~

Sincerely yours,

J. Edger Hoover

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 20

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: NAACP

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cc: Mr. Nichols

Washington Field advised Attorney [redacted] of (b)(7)(C)
Washington, D. C., connected with the Washington Chapter of the (b)(7)(D)
NAACP, contacted the Washington Field Office and said he had
information concerning the activities of [redacted] is
being interviewed and the Department is kept advised promptly of
all developments in these cases. (b)(7)(C)

ACTION:

All three cases will be followed closely with the Department, Washington Field Office and the Baltimore Office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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FBI, SPRINGFIELD (100-3198) 10-2-53

DIRECTOR, FBI

NAACP, ACTIVITIES, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION, IS- C. [redacted] ADVISED SEPTEMBER 29, 1953 THAT NAACP PLANS TO HAVE A CONVENTION IN CAIRO ON OCTOBER 16, 17, AND 18, 1953. [redacted] EXPRESSED APPREHENSION REGARDING INSTANT PLANS DUE TO FACT THAT PRESENCE OF SUCH A CONVENTION COULD GIVE RISE TO SERIOUS RACIAL CLASHES IF NEGROES ATTEMPT TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO "HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND SOURCES OF ENTERTAINMENT" WHICH ARE ACCUSTOMED TO SEGREGATION IN CAIRO. [redacted] ADVISES HE WILL CLOSE [redacted] BEFORE CATERING TO NEGRO GUESTS, AND SEVERAL CAFE OWNERS HAVE EXPRESSED SIMILAR OPINIONS. [redacted] FEARS AGITATION MAY BE A PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR CAIRO AS THE CONVENTION SCENE INASMUCH AS NEGRO STUDENTS

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

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HAVE AS RECENTLY AS A YEAR AGO BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON AN UNSEGREGATED BASIS, AND THAT NAACP DESIRES TO CAPITALIZE ON THESE GAINS BY FURTHER REDUCING SEGREGATION. [redacted] ALSO CONSIDERS CAIRO AS NOT A (b)(7)(C) NORMAL LOGICAL CHOICE FOR CONVENTION DUE TO ITS SMALL SIZE AND ITS REMOTE LOCATION FROM CHICAGO AND OTHER LARGE COMMUNITIES WHO WOULD SPONSOR THE LARGER DELEGATIONS. HE BELIEVES NAACP HAS A FOREIGN STRATEGY BEHIND DESIGNATING CAIRO FOR CONVENTION, AND THAT TOWNSPEOPLE MAY REACT UNFAVORABLY TO THE PRESENCE OF A NAACP CONVENTION WITHOUT EXCITATION WHICH WOULD PRECIPITATE FROM "TEST GROUPS" AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. LOCAL NEWSPAPER PLANS NO ADVANCE PUBLICITY RE CONVENTION AND IT IS NOT COMMON KNOWLEDGE AT THIS TIME THAT CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED FOR CAIRO. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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[redacted] (b)(7)(C)

1cc:Chicago (Info) (AM)

VIA AIR MAIL

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Special Agent in Charge

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

October 9, 1953

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Director, FBI

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ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, DIVISION
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(CIVIL RIGHTS)

Our Springfield Office has been advised by [redacted] Cairo, Illinois, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People plans to have a convention in Cairo, Illinois, on October 16, 17, and 18, 1953. [redacted] expressed apprehension regarding these plans due to the fact that the presence of such a convention could give rise to serious racial clashes if the Negroes attempted to gain entrance to "hotels, restaurants and sources of entertainment" which are accustomed to segregation in Cairo.

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(b)(7)(D) [redacted]

It has also been reported that several cafe owners have expressed the opinion that they will close before catering to Negro guests.

[redacted] advised that Negro students were recently permitted to enter the public schools of Cairo, Illinois, on an unsegregated basis and he was of the opinion that Cairo had been selected as the site of the convention in order to capitalize on these gains by further reducing segregation in Cairo.

He considers that Cairo is not the logical choice for the convention due to its small size and its remote location from Chicago and other large communities and he is fearful that the town people of Cairo may react unfavorably to the presence of this convention.

The above is being submitted for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ( ) DATE: 10/28/53

FROM: SAC, Springfield (100-3198)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Mr. T
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Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Miss C.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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REGISTERED MAIL

Reference is made to your letter dated October 28, 1953, transmitting one film pack of Super XX film pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, two prints of the best negatives have been prepared. The prints together with the negatives are being forwarded to your office herewith.

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In December, 1952, Philadelphia Chapter NAACP had about 6,000 members. Goal of 1953 membership drive in Philadelphia was 12,000 members. Names of NAACP officers in Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia Chapter, set forth, [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) (b)(2) (b)(7)(D)

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to "COMINFIL, NAACP - PHILADELPHIA DIVISION" for purposes of clarification inasmuch as the NAACP is not itself under investigation but rather the efforts of the CP and other subversive organizations to infiltrate the NAACP.

All confidential informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise described.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Communist Party, USA, District of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Independent Socialist League will be referred to in this report as the NAACP, the CP, EPD, the SWP, and the ISL, respectively, for purposes of brevity.

The CP, USA, the SWP, and the ISL have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

A. 1952 Membership

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Total NAACP membership in Philadelphia, as of the end of 1952, was about 6,000.

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The Philadelphia Tribune, December 13, 1952, page 8, column 1, reflects that the total membership of the NAACP in the State of Pennsylvania was approximately 10,000.

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B. 1953 Membership

The Philadelphia Tribune, March 31, 1953, page 3, column 3, reflects that the 1953 NAACP membership drive in Philadelphia will commence on April 12, 1953, and that the goal will be a total of 12,000 members.

A mimeographed letter of the Philadelphia NAACP states that the 1953 recruiting drive is falling far short of expectations and that only 3,500 members have been signed up.

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C. Finances

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II. NAACP OFFICERS

A. State of Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, September 29, 1952, page 5, column 2, reflects that the following officers were elected at the annual state convention of the Pennsylvania NAACP held at New Castle, Pa., in September, 1952:

President — Dr. B. K. JOHNSON, Johnstown, Pa.

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Vice-President	Dr. JAMES A. GILLESPIE New Castle, Pa.
Vice-President	JOSHUA THOMPSON Ambler, Pa.
Vice-President	Mrs. MARY SEDGEWICK Johnstown, Pa.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. AGNES WALKER Hollidaysburg, Pa.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. MILDRED CAMPBELL Johnstown, Pa.
Treasurer	JOHN G. JONES Pittsburgh, Pa.

B. Allentown Chapter

The Morning Call, June 10, 1953, a newspaper published in Allentown, Pa., states that an NAACP branch was recently established in Allentown. According to the article, the officers of the new chapter are:

President	Mrs. ELIZABETH SPENCER
Vice-President	BRADFORD WOODS
Committee member	Mrs. A. E. FOX
Committee member	Mrs. ELIZA JACKSON

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C. Easton Chapter

The Easton Express, December 2, 1952, a newspaper published in Easton, Pa., reflects that the following individuals were re-elected as officers of the Easton Branch of the NAACP for 1953:

President	Mrs. CLIFFORD FRANKLIN
Vice-President	ROBERT MILLER
Treasurer	GERTRUDE HUBBARD
Secretary	NORA WASHINGTON

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D. Harrisburg Chapter

The Philadelphia Tribune, January 27, 1953, page 14, column 4, reflects that the Harrisburg Branch of the NAACP had recently selected the following individuals to serve as officers for 1953:

President	Dr. GEORGE A. JONES
Vice-President	Rev. FRANKLIN L. HENLEY
Secretary	Mrs. CELESTINE CARTER
Assistant Secretary	Miss ERNESTINE B. THOMAS
Treasurer	WILLIAM E. JOHNSON

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E. Philadelphia Chapter

The Pittsburgh Courier, Philadelphia edition, May 3, 1952, page 1, column 5, reflects that CHARLES SHORTER has been appointed as Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP.

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The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Philadelphia Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill was an organization formed for the purpose of opposing the passage of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill in Congress. This organization was controlled by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

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The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, with which the Philadelphia Council was affiliated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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F. Philadelphia Youth Council

A newsletter of the Philadelphia Youth Council, NAACP, dated March, 1953, reflects that the following officers of that council were elected on January 20, 1953:

President	EVERSLEY VAUGHAN
Vice-President	JOHN PARKER
Secretary	C. MARSHALL
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. FLORENCE FARNUM
Treasurer	BETTY SCOTT

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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III. INFILTRATION OF NAACP BY CP AND OTHER SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

A. CP Infiltration in Lehigh Valley Area

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The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, which which the Philadelphia Council is affiliated, has been cited as a "Communist front organization" by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Presentation Report, California Senate Journal, page 698, November 23, 1949.

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The highest membership of the Philadelphia NAACP was reached in December, 1945, when it had 17,000 members. In the January, 1946, elections the Communists gained control

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After the CP gained control of the chapter, membership began to drop sharply as the anti-Communist members commenced dropping out rather than fighting to regain control of the Philadelphia NAACP. By December, 1948, the NAACP membership had dropped to approximately 3,000 members.

In January, 1948, anti-Communist members of the Philadelphia chapter had organized their forces

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Among the leaders of the Communist faction controlling NAACP policy during the period from January, 1946, to January, 1951, were [redacted]

In the January, 1951, elections the Communist forces were defeated and Dr. HARRY GREENE was elected head of the Philadelphia NAACP. During the past two years the anti-Communist forces have solidified their control of the local chapter and the memberships of the Communists within the organization have expired. They no longer attend meetings, and their offers to aid in the membership drive of the NAACP in 1952 were refused.

At the present time, the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP is entirely free of Communist infiltration, but the local leadership is on the alert for any further attempts of the Communists to enter the organization and assume control.

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D. Attempts By the Philadelphia Labor Committee to Defend Negro Rights to Influence NAACP Policy

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The Philadelphia Labor Committee to Defend Negro Rights has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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E. Attempted Infiltration of NAACP by the CRC

[redacted] (b)(7)(C)

in an attempt to secure the support of the NAACP in the CRC campaign to defend FLETCHER MILLS. [redacted] however, showed little inclination to support the CRC in its efforts in behalf of MILLS.

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F. SWP Infiltration of the NAACP in the Philadelphia Area

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The SWP Executive Board of the Philadelphia Branch has decided to assign individual SWP members to attend and join other organizations to find out their activities. [redacted] was selected to join the NAACP, attend its meetings and report on its activities to the SWP membership. (b)(7)(C)

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[redacted] has requested [redacted] to get [redacted] name on the mailing list of the NAACP for the purpose of providing the SWP with information concerning NAACP activities. (b)(7)(C)

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Will follow and report future attempts of the CP and other subversive organizations to infiltrate the NAACP.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 5-1-52, at Philadelphia.
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